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SUBJECT Social Attitude of Members of USSR Legation		REFERENCES	EVALUATION Acc	DATE OF INFO. 5 Aug 54
SUMMARY				
<p>1. Attached is report of friendly social attitude of Members of USSR Legation at Addis Ababa.</p> <p>2. This is considered significant in view of previous cold and rather hostile attitude, and failure to appear at social functions.</p>				
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SOCIAL ATTITUDE OF MEMBERS USSR LEGATION

1. At a reception attended by the Emperor and members of the Royal family on evening of 5 August 1954, it was observed that the three ranking members of the USSR Legation, Minister, Alexei Korobochkin, 1st Secretary, Alexei I. Pasiutin, and 2nd Secretary, Leonid Smirnov, were making a decided effort to join wholeheartedly in the festivities and to make themselves agreeable. Upon being presented to the Emperor, both the USSR Minister, Alexei Korobochkin, and his wife, made a strong, though awkward effort, to render the usual bow and curtsy.

2. Throughout the evening, the USSR guests were all smiles and bows. They visited many tables making friendly gestures. They invited many of the ranking wives to dance. In some instances, upon being turned down, they smiled and accepted it in good grace. (See Embassy Dispatch No. 30, dated 20 July 1954, "The Russian Legation puts on a black tie").

3. The USSR members have made a particular effort to appear friendly with the members of the American Embassy.

ARMAS COMMENT: It has been noted since my arrival at this station on 4 July 1954, that the members of the USSR Legation are making an effort to appear friendly and gracious. Information obtained from various individuals who have been here for some time is that this is a decided change in attitude to that held some nine months ago. No apparent reason for the new attitude is known.

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